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1. In March 1953 the Canton Municipal Government Shipping Company, managed by YANG Hsueh-shao (2799/1331/1727), monopolized shipping business in Canton. The company charged uniform rates and took care of all business from shipping cargo for import-export merchants to moving household belongings for individual families. Service could be arranged for by telephone.
2. In early March in Canton it was very difficult to obtain railway freight cars for shipping purposes because 40 freight cars were assigned each day to ship gunny sacks and cement for military use.
3. In January the Hsi Ts'un (6007/2625) Cement Factory in Kwangtung, formerly of the Department of Industry of the provincial government, became a national enterprise belonging to the Chinese Communist Ministry of Heavy Industry. Its new designation was the Hsi Ts'un Cement Factory of the Construction Material Industry Administration, Ministry of Heavy Industry, Chinese Communist Government.

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8. On 5 January 1953 in order to permit large scale planning of food requirements and to ensure ample food supply, the Canton food control organ advised the various neighbor-resident groups that, effective 5 January, residents would not be permitted to store over 30 catties of grain for each person regardless of age. Violators would be punished for breach of economic stability. No restrictions had been placed on beans, wheat and taro.

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9. In January the peasants' union of Kwangtung advised the peasants of villages [redacted] to store three months' supply of grain as a maximum and sell the rest to the government.

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